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In 1964, James Chaney, Andrew Goodman, and Michael Schwerner volunteered to participate in Freedom Summer activities intended to cure the State of Mississippi from racial discrimination. These slain activists were three of hundreds of volunteers who permeated Mississippi throughout the summer of 1964 attempting to register African-American voters and raise national awareness to racial

discrimination and the inequitable conditions of African-Americans in Mississippi. Chaney, Goodman, and Schwerner were killed on June 21, 1964 in Neshoba County, Mississippi, while investigating the arson of Mt. Zion Baptist Church. Mt. Zion Baptist

Church was one of numerous churches victimized by arsonists, simply because it was active in holding voter registration drives and campaigns.

The deaths of Chaney, Goodman, and Schwerner are attributed to a mob of Ku Klux Klansmen and local Neshoba county sheriff authorities who collaborated on their murders. The Federal Bureau of Investigation conducted investigations and collected incriminating evidence against many of the defendants. However, the racial climate of the state did not permit any meaningful convictions to be made. In 1964, the Federal Bureau of Investigation could only muster enough support to

"I urge the Attorney General's office to please secure justice..."

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A body built for learning requires good cognitive skills, psychomotor ability, good nutrition and health to name a few. Physical activity has been an area that education has left behind, since the number one priority for

most schools is placing all of their resources on No Child Left Behind education reforms. This is another need to meet with inadequate financial assistance.

In an effort to turn the tides of this chronic weight

Pfizer In Harmony

Harmony, Mississippi is an African American community in Leake County, approximately 10 miles southeast of Carthage and about sixty miles from Jackson. It is also where NAACP civil rights activist Winson Hud-

son was born, and where she lived and died. The community is truly a "harmonizing" place, befitting of its name so much that they feel it is necessary to host a Harmony Celebration every year in August which began in the

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Back-To-School Jamboree

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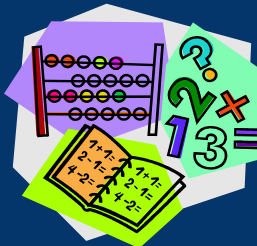
On Saturday, August 7, 2004, more than 600 children from across Washington County took Castlewood Park by storm, in the small city of Hollandale, Mississippi to receive their much needed school supplies. The Back-to-School Jamboree was sponsored by the Hollandale

School District's Early Head Start Program. The jamboree was filled with fun, games, prizes, excitement, plenty of food and give-aways. A parade

from North & East Avenue to Castlewood Park helped to

"kick off" the much anticipated and successful event! The children

, as well as adults, participated in games including a cake walk, dunking booth, sack races, and musical chairs and culminated with a live Karate demonstration! A fashion show featuring students from the Hollandale School District showcased proper uniform attire



for the upcoming year. We need to make sure that all children receive the tools necessary to adequately achieve success in school. Being a former educator, I know that our children are the leaders of tomorrow and should have the resources to do so.

Over 900 bags were given to not only students in the

Hollandale School District, but to any child that took the time to attend. No child was denied. More than 600 hot dogs, hamburgers, cokes, chips and nachos were given to children as well as adults.

All children received notebooks, paper, pins, spiral tablets and folders, just to name a few of the

supplies. As luck would have it, some children even received uniforms for schools, which was one less uniform parents had to purchase. Our hats are off to the entire community for their efforts to make this event a success. Everyone that attended was pleased with the outcome of the event.

At this Jamboree – "No Child was Left Denied!"

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condition, I visited Em Boyd Elementary School along with General Mills representatives, Brian Peters, Marie McLean, and Jeff Shapiro to present a challenge to the entire school to engage in physical activity and collect Box Tops Coupons from participating food products. The program is called, "Box Tops Education Step Up Challenge." Taking on the challenge will earn the school money towards physical activity equipment, help decrease the high numbers in obesity among adults and children while having fun.

As an incentive, General Mills



Congressman Thompson at Em Boyd Elementary for the Step Up Challenge

has donated 10,000 box tops worth \$.10 cents each, valued at \$1,000.00. At the end of the challenge General Mills will present the winning classroom that has performed and recorded the most physical activity and box tops collected a Wheaties Cereal Box with their picture on it later this fall. The school will also be paid for additional Box Tops collected. This is an annual event by which the school can possibly earn up to \$20,000.00.

Principal, Reva Pree announced plans to use the money towards air conditioning for the school gym, which will make activities held in the gym more tolerable. In addition to teachers, students, and staff, there

was an impressive parent turnout to take the challenge as well. Together they decided which physical activities to do while earning money to take some pressure off the school's budget.

Hopefully a new air conditioner and the fun they will have taking on

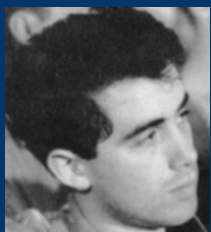
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physical challenge to get healthy and loose weight will encourage the school to adopt this as part of their daily and extra curricular activity.

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Justice Yet Served

prosecute the defendants for violation of the civil rights of James Chaney, Andrew Goodman, and Michael



Andrew Goodman

Schwerner.

The murders of two Jewish men in Mississippi, Andrew Goodman and Michael Schwerner, attracted national attention to the veracity of the state's racial problems. It became clear that because James Chaney was black, if the Jewish boys had not murdered too, the FBI would not have been involved in the case. While searching for Chaney, Goodman, and Schwerner, the bodies of many other African-Americans were found.

Facing pressure from

national media attention, President Lyndon Johnson and Attorney General Robert Kennedy urged FBI director J. Edgar Hoover to investigate all information that was pertinent to the case. The Federal Bureau of Investigation collected ample amount of evidence in 1964, including confessions, that could be used today to prosecute the remaining eight of the nineteen original defendants today.

Forty years ago, our government looked the other way as wrongs such as this took place. Government officials sworn to protect Chaney, Goodman, and Schwerner were in fact responsible for their deaths. Re-opening this case sends the strong message that our country has evolved and will not tolerate this sort of injus-



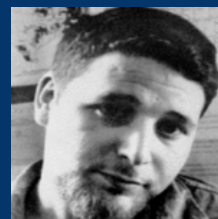
James Chaney

tice. For forty years, the families of the three slain civil rights activists have gone without any recompense for their loss. The Chaney, Goodman, and Schwerner families have celebrated birthdays and innumerable holidays without their loved ones to share them

with. Their fond memories of James Chaney, Andrew Goodman, and Michael Schwerner have undoubtedly been clouded by the fact that their murderers continue to walk the streets with their freedom and have never been prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

On June 18, 2004, I proposed House Concurrent Resolution 457 in Congress that requests the U.S. Attorney General's office re-open the case, and assist the Attorney

General of Mississippi with the full cooperation of the U.S. Department of Justice's counsel and re-



Michael Schwerner

sources. Re-opening this case could lead to convictions and ensures that the deaths of James Chaney, Andrew Goodman, and Michael Schwerner were not in vain. I urge the Attorney General's office to please secure justice in the names of James Chaney, Andrew Goodman, and Michael Schwerner and their families. It is time for this chapter of Mississippi and the nation's civil rights legacy to be officially closed.

For more information on this legislation, contact Karis Gutter in my office at kgutter@mail.house.gov or (202)-225-5876.

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Pfizer In Harmony

late 1960's.

The recent Medicaid balancing act is cutting approximately 65,000 Mississippians off the program leaving them virtually with little to no assistance for healthcare and costs. The celebration already attracts hundreds of people making it the ideal time to provide free Glaucoma eye screenings as well as information for help with prescription drugs for those not insured. I participated in the celebration on both, Saturday

and Sunday afternoon as well as assisted in a Pfizer "Helpful Answers" program and a glaucoma screening.

Over 40 people were screened and of that number, about 12% to 13% of them were identified as being at risk of developing the dreaded disease. Glaucoma is the leading cause of irreversible blindness

because it damages the optic nerve, the nerve that carries messages from the eye to the brain. It has no noticeable symptoms or early warning signs and CANNOT be cured. However, the best

protection against it is regular eye screening for detection and if discovered in time there are treatments to keep the disease from progressing. Glaucoma affects

about 3 million Americans, many of whom are not aware that they have the disease. Help is available for anyone needing assistance or have questions by calling Pfizer at 1-866-774-4800.

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Get Registered & Vote!

This years election is very critical to us here in the United States and Mississippi. One, because we must decide by voting for a President we want to represent the United States for another four years. Second, Mississippians in the 2nd Congressional District must vote for a Congressman they feel represents them and is truly "one of us."



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